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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
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SERIAL NO: 10/506,620 :  
FILED: MARCH 23, 2005 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1795  
FOR: CHEMICAL REACTOR FOR :  
NITROGEN OXIDE REMOVAL AND  
METHOD OF REMOVING NITROGEN  
OXIDE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement ("Requirement") dated October 30, 2008,  
Applicants elect Group V, listed in the Requirement as readable on Claims 19-23, and  
Applicants list Claims 19-23 as readable thereon.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Requirement for the following reason.

MPEP § 803 states:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be  
made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on  
the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or  
independent inventions.

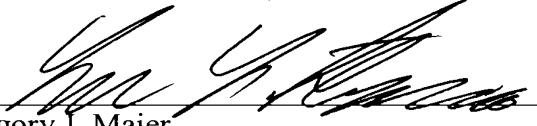
The claims of the present invention would appear to be part of an overlapping search  
area. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully traverse the outstanding Requirement on the  
grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a serious  
burden on the Examiner. Therefore, an action on all of Claims 1-23 is earnestly solicited.

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The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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